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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A suspension device constructed to be united with a predetermined container to form a package unit for consumable contents, the container having an upper rim formation, the suspension device comprising:
a ring portion constructed to extend over and be joined with the upper rim formation of the container to suspend the container with its contents and
a flexible suspending element constructed and arranged to support the ring portion of the suspension device, the suspending element extending inwardly of the ring portion, from a flexible proximal region in supporting relation to the ring portion, to a free distal end portion that is arranged to be raised from a lower, formed position to a raised operating position to be engaged by a support to suspend the container by its rim formation in a position below the support for display or transport, the suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device being so related that raising the distal end portion of the suspending element relative to the ring portion to operating position and applying suspending force to it does not disturb the ring portion of the suspension device when united with the upper rim formation of the predetermined container with its contents.

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2. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element defines an opening in its distal end portion, through which a finger can be inserted for engagement to serve as the support.
3. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element is a sheet-form element that is flexible along its length.
- 4-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the ring portion and the suspending element are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit, the ring portion constructed to removably engage the rim portion of the container.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element is of the same material as the ring portion to which it is joined integrally.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the ring portion of the suspension device extends generally between parallel bounding planes and the suspending element ~~in its as-formed position~~ lies flat, within the ring portion, generally between those planes.
15. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the suspending element extends as a flexible projection from its proximal region

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located at one side of the ring portion to the free ~~[[a]]~~ distal end portion located adjacent an opposite side of the ring portion.

16-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the proximal region of the suspending element is offset relative to an axis of the ring portion sufficiently to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the suspension device is united with the container and the container is supported by the suspending element.

29. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the suspending element extends directly from said ring portion of the suspension device, the suspending element being formed integrally of thermoplastic resin with said ring portion of the suspension device.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the suspending element comprises an opening through which said support can be inserted for engagement.

32. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 31, wherein the suspending element is of substantially constant thickness along its length.

33-67. (Cancelled)

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68. (Previously Presented) The package unit of claim 73 in further combination with a display rack on which the package unit is suspended by the suspending element.

69. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 68, wherein the display rack defines a horizontal support rod on which said package unit and one or more package units of the same construction are suspended, each by its suspending element.

70. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises at least a second horizontal rod, located above the rod of the combination of claim 69, on which one or more package units of the same construction are suspended, each by its suspending element, the length of the suspending elements of the package units being predetermined such that package units hanging from said second rod do not interfere with placement or removal of package units on the other rod.

71. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises a rod bent in a V-shape, and mounted on a support such that the rod provides two rod sections which diverge from one another.

72. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 69 in which the display rack comprises a multiple tier display assembly having at least two tiers each defined by a rod bent in "V" form, said rods being generally aligned vertically with one another.

73. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 combined with a ~~said~~ container to form a package unit.

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74. (Previously Presented) The package unit of claim 73 in which said container is comprised of a surrounding wall which extends upwardly from a bottom of the container to a mouth that is wider than the bottom, the container having a rim formation of greater relative thickness than said surrounding wall.

75. (Previously Presented) The disposable package unit of claim 73 in which the rim formation of the container has a minimum dimension greater than two inches and is about as wide as the maximum width of the container.

76. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1 including a central panel associated with the ring portion of the suspension device to form a closure for an opening of the container located inwardly of the rim formation of the container.

77. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises paper.

78. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises foil.

79. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises film or plastic.

80. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel carries printing or labeling.

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81. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76, wherein the central panel has a clear section for viewing through the device.

82. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 28 including a central panel associated with the ring portion of the device to form a closure for an opening of the container.

83. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises paper.

84. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises foil.

85. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises film or plastic.

86. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel carries printing or labeling.

87. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 wherein the central panel has a clear central section for viewing through the device.

88. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1 constructed for use with a predetermined container having its rim formation surrounding a region to be opened, the suspending element being elongated, having its proximal region integrated with the ring portion of the suspension device and extending inwardly of the ring portion in a manner to lie over the region of the container to be opened.

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89. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 88 in which the proximal region of the suspending element forms a flexible root region adjacent a the ring portion of the device.

90. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 88 in which the suspending element is of sheet form.

91. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 88 in which the ring portion and the suspending element are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit.

92. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 88 in which a central panel constructed to close the region said opening of the container to be opened is attached along the underside of the suspension device.

93. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 88 in which the proximal region of the suspending element is offset relative to an axis of said ring portion to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspension device.

94. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 88 in which the suspending element in its as-formed position lies flat within said ring portion.

95. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the suspending element is elongated, comprising a main body extending inwardly from the ring portion along an axis of elongation, the proximal region of the suspending element comprising a flexible root ~~region of relatively short extent~~

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~~along said axis of elongation compared to the extent of the main body along said axis.~~

96. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 95, in which said main body comprises an elongated leg portion having a width, the free distal terminal end portion of the suspending element comprising a head joined to the leg portion, the head being wider than the width of the leg portion and defining an engageable formation.

97. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 96 in which the width of said leg portion is less than the width of said root portion.

98. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 96 in which said engageable formation comprises an opening in said head.

99. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 28 in which, the suspending element comprises an elongated, flexible leg joined to said ring at the proximal region.

100. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 99, in which said flexible leg is joined to said ring portion at a single root region.

101. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 99 in which the suspending suspension element is of length exceeding at least half of the minimum transverse dimension of the ring portion.

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102. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the ring portion is of thermoplastic resin, is constructed to interfit with the rim formation of the container, and lies generally between parallel limiting planes, and the suspending element is formed of thermoplastic resin integrally with the ring portion, the suspending element having a main body generally of sheet form of substantially constant thickness, the suspending element, ~~in its as-formed position, lying inwardly of the ring portion, in generally flattened position parallel with and along or between the limiting planes,~~ the suspending element being deflectable about its proximal region at the ring portion from its formed position to an upstanding position in which it is capable of carrying weight of the container.

103. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the suspending suspension element, as formed, extends flat across a center panel joined to the ring portion.

104. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 102 or 103 combined with a container having a rim formation, at a top opening, with which the ring portion is interfit, the container having a central axis, said suspending element being joined to the ring portion at a location offset a substantial distance from the central axis of the container, the offset distance being sufficient to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspension element.

105. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 or 103 in which the suspending suspension element is elongated, extending, from a proximal root at the ring portion, along an axis of elongation and terminating at the free end distal portion that is to be engaged by a support.

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106. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 105 comprising a single suspension element which extends substantially across the width of space defined within the ring portion.

107. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 105 in which the suspending suspension element extends a length exceeding one half the width of space defined within the ring portion.

108. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion is constructed to have a friction fit with an exterior surface of the rim formation of the container.

109. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion is constructed to have a snap fit about the exterior of the rim formation of the container.

110. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion surrounds a central panel forming a lid, at least part of the center panel being transparent.

111. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion surrounds a central panel forming a lid, the center panel bearing printing or labeling.

112. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 combined with a said container to form a closed package unit, the container containing merchandise, the container having a bottom and a self-supporting wall extending

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from the bottom to a mouth defined by the upper rim formation, a cover closing the mouth the suspension device joined with the upper rim formation of the container to suspend the container and its contents.